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SUBJ: SOVIET COMMENTARIES DENOUNCE US/SAIGON

PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA (MARCH 19) CARRIED SHARPLY ANTI-U.S./SAIGON COMMENTARIES MARKING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF AN ALLEGED MASS DEMONSTRATION IN SAIGON AGAINST THE FIRST APPEARANCE THERE OF AMERICAN WARSHIPS ON MARCH 19, 1950. BOTH COMMENTARIES, WRITTEN BY REGULAR INDOCHINA COMMENTATORS SERBIN AND IL'INSKIY, CITE THIS DATE AS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW PHASE IN THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE AGAINST "OVERSEAS" AGGRSSION. THEY THEN HAIL THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT IN 1973 AS A "VICTORY" FOR "THE PEOPLE" AND ASSERT THAT THE DRV AND PRG HAVE SOUGHT TO OBSERVE IT STRICTLY. BUT SAIGON AND THIEU SABOTAGED IT, SAY THE COMMENTARIES, AND STILL SEEK TO ENCROACH ON THE "LIBERATED" AREAS. HOWEVER, THESE PROVOCATIONS, SAYS IZVESTIYA, HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY ANSWERED BY THE "PEOPLES FORCES" IN THE PROVINCES OF DARLAC AND PLEIKU. PRAVDA CHARGES THAT SAIGON'S

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ACTIVITIES ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF THE SAME "IMPERIALIST"

FORCES WHICH CAME TO SAIGON TO SUPPORT THE "DIRTY" COLONIALIST WAS 25 YEARS AGO, WHILE IZVESTIYA ALLEGES THAT 25 THOUSAND U.S. "ADVISORS" REMAIN IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND THAT THE U.S. CONTINUES RECONAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER THE DRV IN VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. IZVESTIYA CITES DRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH'S LETTER TO SENATOR KENNEDY CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ADMINISTRATION IN SAIGON COMMITTED TO THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

2. COMMENT: THESE COMMENTARIES, ESPECIALLY PRAVDA'S, ARE NOTABLY HARSHER ON THE U.S. THAN OTHER RECENT SOVIET MEDIA ITEMS, AND MAY SIGNAL A TURN TOWARDS STRONGER SOVIET PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF HANOI'S OBJECTIVES IN THE HEIGHTENED FIGHTING. IT WOULD THUS PARALLEL MOSCOW'S PUBLIC SHIFT TOWARD ENDORSEMENT OF AN INSURGENT VICTORY IN CAMBODIA (MOSCOW 3039). IT MAY ALSO MEAN THAT MOSCOW READS THE CONTINUING DEBATE IN THE CONGRESS AS TO WHETHER FURTHER COMMITMENTS IN INDO-CHINA ARE NECESSARY AS REDUCING THE DETENTE COST VIS-A-VIS WASHINGTON OF MORE OPEN SUPPORT OF HANOI. STOESSEL

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